

## Ch. 41 Reading Guide: The American People Face a New Century (pg. 979-1006)

### Learning Targets

**Target #1:** I can identify and describe examples of the continuation of social/civil reforms into the 21st century, examples of conservative response to 1960s and 1970s radicalism, American attempts to maintain world power status into the 21st century, and examples of economic and societal change as a result of a more globalized and technological world.

**Target #2:** I can analyze how mid-20th century economic and social/civil reforms maintained strength into the 21st century as well as brought about a wave of government conservatism in the late 20th century, America addressed its superpower status abroad following the Cold War, and the effects of a more globalized and technological world on America's economy and workforce.

### Big Ideas:

- As the 21st century dawned, scientific advancement, environmentalism, immigration, and gay rights divided domestic America...as well as its government.
- The 9/11 terrorist attacks brought about continued U.S. intervention in the Middle East, as well as numerous governmental changes to increase America's national security.
- Known as the "Great Recession" in 2008, the economic downturn had a troublesome effect on America's 1990s boom.
- Rather quickly, presidents George Bush & Barack Obama, sought to provide FDRs 3 Rs: Relief, Recovery, Reform.
- The 2000s continued to be heavily divided along party lines as issues over immigration, government support, same-sex marriage, and economic reform continued as America's "hot topic" issues

**Prediction Statement (50 words or less):** What is one prediction you have about what you will learn based on the big ideas above?

### Key Questions:

#### **Bush Begins (pg. 979-980)**

Know: George Bush, Human Genome Project, Kyoto Treaty

**1. In what ways did science create political tension in the U.S. during the early 2000s?**

**2. What happened to the relatively balanced (even surplus) federal budget of the Clinton-Era under the Bush administration?**

#### **Terrorism Comes to America (pg. 981-982)**

Know: 9/11 terrorist, Al Qaeda, Patriot Act

**3. How did the incident of 9/11 have a negative impact on America's economy (and the federal budget)?**

**4. Besides military intervention in the Middle East, how did 9/11 bring about change in the U.S.?**

**Bush Takes the Offensive Against Iraq + Owning Iraq (pg. 982-986)**

Know: Saddam Hussein, Iraq War

**5. For what reasons did Congress & Pres. Bush take an aggressive stance the following nations:**

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. North Korea

**6. What factors contributed to America's struggle to "stabilize" Iraq post-Saddam?****The Presidential Election of 2008 (pg. 989-993)**

Know: "Great Recession"

**7. Briefly explain the following:**

- A. What contributed (causes) to the economic recession of the early 2000s?
- B. How was Uncle Sam's actions different this time in comparison to the 1930s?

**Obama in the White House (pg. 993-994)**

Know: American Recovery &amp; Reinvestment Act, Affordable Care Act/'Obamacare', Wall Street Reform &amp; Consumer Protection Act

**8. Briefly explain how the Obama Admin. tackled the following:**

- A. Economic Relief
- B. Healthcare Reform
- C. Market Reform

**New Directions in Foreign Policy (pg. 995-997)**

Know: Iraq War, Afghan War

**9. What were the successes and shortcomings/controversies of President Obama's foreign affairs in Iraq and Afghanistan?**

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| <p><b><u>The Politics of Inequality (pg. 997-1000)</u></b><br/>         Know: "Occupy Wall Street" Movement<br/> <b>10. What evidence indicated that America's wealth gap had widened?</b></p> <p><b>11. What likely caused such a widening of the wealth gap? (list 2-3 factors)</b></p> |  |
| <p><b><u>Battling for the White House in 2012 (pg. 1000-1001)</u></b><br/>         Know: Political Action Committees (PACs), <i>Citizens United v Federal Election Commission</i><br/> <b>12. How did the Supreme Court impact the Election (and future elections) of 2012?</b></p>       |  |
| <p><b><u>Second-Term Stalemate (pg. 1001-1002)</u></b><br/>         Know: Social Security<br/> <b>13. What monetary concerns began to loom with the "greying" of America's population?</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b><u>Citizenship and Civil Rights (pg. 1002-1004)</u></b><br/>         Know:<br/> <b>14. How did the Supreme Court in the 2010s respond to America's greater ethnic and social diversity?</b></p>   |  |

## Summary Exit Ticket:

### Argumentation/Synthesis:

The end of the Cold War and the beginning of the 21st century forced America to re-evaluate its role in the world.

*Using historical examples, which late 19th/early 20th century foreign policy is BEST associated with America's actions abroad in the early 2000s?*

- T. Roosevelt's "Big Stick" Diplomacy
- Taft's "Dollar" Diplomacy
- Wilson's "Moral" Diplomacy

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